

McDermott	Price (GA)	Snyder
McGovern	Price (NC)	Solis
McHenry	Putnam	Space
McHugh	Radanovich	Spratt
McIntyre	Rahall	Stark
McKeon	Ramstad	Stearns
McMorris	Rangel	Stupak
Rodgers	Regula	Sullivan
McNerney	Rehberg	Sutton
McNulty	Reichert	Tanner
Meek (FL)	Renzi	Tauscher
Meeks (NY)	Reyes	Thompson (CA)
Melancon	Reynolds	Thompson (MS)
Mica	Rodriguez	Thornberry
Michaud	Rogers (AL)	Tiahrt
Miller (FL)	Rogers (KY)	Tiberi
Miller (MI)	Rogers (MI)	Tierney
Miller (NC)	Rohrabacher	Towns
Miller, Gary	Ros-Lehtinen	Turner
Miller, George	Roskam	Udall (CO)
Mitchell	Ross	Udall (NM)
Moore (KS)	Rothman	Upton
Moore (WI)	Roybal-Allard	Van Hollen
Moran (KS)	Ruppersberger	Velázquez
Moran (VA)	Ryan (OH)	Visclosky
Murphy (CT)	Ryan (WI)	Walberg
Murphy, Patrick	Salazar	Walsh (NY)
Murphy, Tim	Sali	Walden (OR)
Murtha	Sánchez, Linda	Walsh (NY)
Musgrave	T.	Walsh (MN)
Myrick	Sarbanes	Wamp
Nadler	Saxton	Wasserman
Napolitano	Schakowsky	Schultz
Neal (MA)	Schmidt	Waters
Neugebauer	Scott (GA)	Watt
Nunes	Scott (VA)	Waxman
Oberstar	Sensenbrenner	Weiner
Obey	Serrano	Welch (VT)
Olver	Sessions	Weldon (FL)
Ortiz	Sestak	Westmoreland
Pallone	Shadegg	Wexler
Pascarella	Shays	Whitfield
Pastor	Shea-Porter	Wicker
Pearce	Sherman	Wilson (OH)
Pence	Shuler	Wilson (SC)
Perlmutter	Shuster	Wolf
Peterson (MN)	Sires	Woolsey
Petri	Skelton	Wu
Pitts	Slaughter	Wynn
Platts	Smith (NE)	Yarmuth
Pomeroy	Smith (NJ)	Young (FL)
Porter	Smith (TX)	

## NAYS—5

Broun (GA)	Culberson	Paul
Coble	Flake	

## NOT VOTING—42

Barrow	Johnson, E. B.	Sanchez, Loretta
Costa	Johnson, Sam	Schiff
Davis, Jo Ann	Kucinich	Schwartz
Gallegly	Lewis (CA)	Shimkus
Graves	Lipinski	Simpson
Grijalva	Lucas	Smith (WA)
Gutierrez	Mollohan	Souder
Hastert	Payne	Tancredo
Hooley	Peterson (PA)	Taylor
Hulshof	Pickering	Terry
Hunter	Poe	Watson
Israel	Pryce (OH)	Weller
Jindal	Royce	Wilson (NM)
Johnson (IL)	Rush	Young (AK)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised that there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, August 31, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Debra Bowen, Secretary of State of California, indicating that, at the Special Election held on August 21, 2007, the Honorable Laura Richardson was duly elected Representative in Congress for the Thirty-Seventh Congressional District, State of California.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
Clerk of the House.

Enclosure.

## CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION

I, Debra Bowen, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify: That according to the official canvass of votes cast in the Special General Election held on the 21st day of August, 2007 in the 37th Congressional District, Laura Richardson was elected to the office of United States Representative, District 37 for the term prescribed by law.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE  
LAURA RICHARDSON, OF CALI-  
FORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE  
HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will Representative-elect RICHARDSON and the Members of the California delegation present themselves in the well.

Ms. RICHARDSON appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 110th Congress.

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WELCOMING THE HONORABLE  
LAURA RICHARDSON TO THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. STARK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, as the dean of the California delegation, it's my privilege, my honor and distinct pleasure to introduce the newest member of our California delegation, LAURA RICHARDSON, elected to California's 37th Congressional District in a special election held just recently. LAURA RICHARDSON is a passionate critic of the war in Iraq, a supporter of universal health care, and a welcome addition to our delegation.

After three terms on the Long Beach City Council and several years as direc-

tor for Lieutenant Governor Cruz Bustamante, LAURA was elected to the California State Assembly last November. And less than a year later, she won a special election to succeed our dear departed colleague, Juanita Millender-McDonald, and joins us here. It is a distinction that she is one of the few people in the history of this country to serve both in a local, State and Federal post within 1 year. She worked for Juanita as a field deputy, and she will continue her important work to ensure that all Americans can participate in a fair and free electoral process.

LAURA's career has many highlights. While on the city council, she was responsible for bringing Long Beach's inner city its first job training center for working families; she championed economic development and improved upon transportation services. And dear to my heart, she helped open the first new bank in the city's central area since the 1992 riots.

In the assembly, she became the first African American woman to serve as the Assistant Speaker pro tempore. In the House, she will keep California's Democratic delegation a majority female; of our 34 members, 18 are women.

She is a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and she joins us as an effective voice for working families in Congress. I look forward to working with her to improve health care for everyone and address the disparities in our health care system, issues I know are important to her and should be to all of us.

At this time, I yield to my distinguished colleague and senior Member from the Republican delegation of California.

Mr. DREIER. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend for yielding.

I would like to join with our colleague in extending congratulations on behalf of all Republican Members to our new colleague, Ms. RICHARDSON.

We were all saddened by the untimely passing of our friend and former colleague, Juanita Millender-McDonald, but knowing that her former field deputy is going to be representing her I know would make Juanita extraordinarily proud. And to go from the city council to the State legislature to the United States Congress within a 1-year period of time is a very, very impressive accomplishment.

And I will say that I know the California delegation will continue to work together in a bipartisan way. And we look forward to welcoming Ms. RICHARDSON as part of that effort.

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, at this time I would like to yield the balance of my time to the Honorable LAURA RICHARDSON, Representative of California's 37th Congressional District.

Ms. RICHARDSON. Speaker PELOSI, Leaders HOYER, CLYBURN, EMANUEL, BECERRA, Caucus Chairs LOFGREN, KILPATRICK, BACA and HONDA, the California delegation, thank you all for meeting with me, kind of putting me